

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0066605-01-0

Permittee: Wisconsin Dunes LLC, 875 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL, 60611

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Sand Valley Clubhouse & Lodges POWTS, 1697 Leopold Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457

Receiving Water And Location: the groundwaters of the Wisconsin Rapids Watershed in the Upper Wisconsin River Basin, in Adams County, WI

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Wisconsin Dunes LLC. owns and operates a private on-site wastewater treatment system (POWTS) at the Sand Valley Clubhouse and Lodges facility in Nekoosa, WI. The annual average design flow of the POWTS is 0.035 MGD. The permittee estimates that the actual annual average daily discharge has been far lower than that however, at approximately 0.0045 MGD. For the last two years the facility has been regulated under General Permit (GP) WI-0062901-03, "Domestic Wastewater to a Subsurface Soil Absorption System". However, because of the potential size of the system, the Department intends to switch coverage from the GP to an individual WPDES permit.

The wastewater treatment system consists of a 38,000 gallon settling (septic) tank to remove heavier solids, followed by a 38,000 gallon equalization tank. From the equalization tank, the wastewater is sent with restricted, timed flow and dosing into the 38,000 gallon advanced pretreatment tank, a Fixed Activated Sludge Treatment (FAST) system for biological, aerobic treatment of the wastewater. From the FAST treatment the wastewater is further treated in a 10,000 gallon polishing tank prior to entering an 18,000 gallon dosing tank, where the wastewater is dispersed out to the seven subsurface soil infiltration zones (aka, drain fields). Final treatment of the wastewater occurs via chemical and biological means as it moves through the soil column. Solids from the septic tanks are removed on a regular basis and hauled by a licensed septage hauler for disposal.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Holly Heldstab, DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 492-0483, Holly.Heldstab@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Peter Pfefferkorn, 473 Griffith Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494, (715) 421-7868, Peter.Pfefferkorn@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be issued.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the permit drafter's address. Currently, DNR staff are working remotely and have very limited access to US mail. To ensure comments are received, the Department recommends that all comments be sent via email to the permit drafter listed in this notice. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule an informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Information on requesting a hearing is at the above web link.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be reviewed on the internet at the above web link or may be accessed by contacting the above named permit drafter's e-mail address or the above named basin engineer's e-mail during normal business hours Monday through Friday (except holidays). Note that DNR staff have limited access to permit hard copy files during this time as they are working from home, but much of the permit file is available electronically by e-mail request. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request. NAME & ADDRESS OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: Daily Tribune, 220 1st Ave. S., Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494-8090

NAME OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: Adams Friendship Times Reporter

ADDRESS OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: 116 S Main St. PO Box 99, Adams, WI 53910

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